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ARRANGEMENTS TO INCREASE STRUCTURAL RIGIDITY OF For:

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2811 Art Unit:

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS Washington, DC 20231

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Sir: The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-11, 13-18, 21-22, 24-27, 31-34, 37-38, 40-43, 47-49 and add new claims 50-62 as follows. Note that the full text of all claims (in all claims) those not being amended within this paper) may also be included to provide the convenience of a complete set of claims for easy review:

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